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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

A woman, poorly dressed, presented herself in the sacristy of the Basilica of Montmartre, in Paris, and asked to see the superior of the chaplains. From her appearance, he thought her to be in need. She offered him a coarse envelope, in which Father Lemius found five bills of a thousand francs each.

"It is for your work," said the woman. "They are my savings during twenty years."

He asked her name and address.

"All that is useless," she replied. "God knows me well, and that is enough." So saying she took her leave.

The attitude of this woman contains a very fine lesson for all Catholics. It is so common for one Catholic to compare what he does for the church or for any other worthy cause with what some neighbor or some one more richly blessed with this world's goods may do. When a priest takes up a subscription for a new church or for some improvement which he contemplates making, Mr. K. withholds action until he learns what Mr. M. has done or will do.

It is the same way with regular contributions to the support of the Parish. People ask, "Why should I be expected to give \$1 or \$2 when Mr. T. gives only fifty cents?" Surely you do not give to the church because you are whipped into line, or because you wish to please the pastor or to receive credit in the printed report. If you do, your contribution will lose all its merit. You should be actuated by the motive "God sees me." In other words you should give because it is God's work you are helping, God's cause you are promoting, and you want to prove to Him that because you love Him you will do your best for Him. If Mr. K. does not do his full duty, then Mr. K. will have little reward at God's hands. It is true that there should be proportionate giving, but whether the giver be a poor person or a rich person there should be generous and cheerful giving. Christ praised the widow who in giving her mite gave very generously, and, of course, cheerfully.

It is very true that the rich do not give in the same proportion as do those in moderate circumstances, or as the poor, but "God sees them," and they should be commended to His mercy. When the rich give they give of their surplus, and their contribution should bear some proportion to the amount which they spend so needlessly.

The same sentiment "God sees me" should guide us not only in supporting religious works, but also in all that we do or omit to do. "God sees me" go off to work in the morning without even speaking to Him, and retire at night after many falls without getting down on my knees to make a sincere Act of Contrition. He sees the bad example I give at my work and during recreation. He sees the many opportunities I fail to grasp to turn the thoughts of others towards His religion favorably. He hears my every word, sees my every action and even my thoughts. He looks for me to devote every day to the acquisition of new merit for Heaven. He expects that I should be more deserving of Heaven to-night than last night, next month than last month; next year than when I entered upon the age of reason. The prolongation of our lives is no blessing if it injures our chance for Heaven.

God sees not only the bad example of parents to their children but their neglect, and must, in justice, hold parents more responsible than their children for many things.

"God sees me" neglect many opportunities to do good. He sees me reject many graces He offers me.

He sees me refuse many invitations to approach the Sacraments; and just as He will not let go unrewarded even a cup of cold water given in His name, so He cannot let go unpunished our many violations of His law, and our greater interest in other things than those which promote His honor and glory here below.

John Francis Hall
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

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During the month of November much of the Bishop's time will be taken up by hierarchical meetings: (1) The annual meeting of all Bishops in Washington, D. C.; (2) The meeting of the American Board of Catholic Missions, of which he is Treasurer; (3) That of the Bishops of the Province of Cincinnati; (4) That of the Board of Governors of the Catholic Church Extension Society; (5) That of the Bishops representing missionary territory under the American Flag.

On the 20th of November, the Right Reverend Bishop will be absent from the city from November 7 to November 17. Mail demanding immediate attention during this period should be directed to the Chancery office.

The time was never so ripe to interest non-Catholics in the Catholic faith, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop would like to have every parish Council of the N. C. C. M. prepare a mailing list for the monthly edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, intended for Protestants, and then devise ways and means for its distribution. This edition costs only 20c the year, part of which will be paid by his Lordship. The systematic circulation of Catholic literature would be an excellent topic for the consideration of the Deane Council.

The fall Conference of the clergy will take place in all districts on Wednesday, November 14.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Osadnik has tendered his resignation as Dean of the South Bend District, and is succeeded by the Rev. Joseph A. Bolka, of Michigan City.

The Rev. Charles V. Stettin, D.D., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Kentland, has resigned as Dean of the Logansport District and is succeeded by the Rev. James H. Durham, P.R., pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's church, Logansport.

Bishop Pontificates Friday at Cathedral

Feast of All Saints Observed On Thursday, November 1—Feast of All Souls November 2.

On Thursday, November 1, the Feast of All Saints, one of the great feasts of the liturgical year, was observed with solemnity in all Fort Wayne churches. Hours for the Masses on this feast, which is a holy day of obligation, were announced in all of the parishes last Sunday. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, High Mass on All Saints' day was celebrated at 8:00 o'clock. The Low Masses were at 8:30, 9:45, 10:00 and 12:10.

November 2, All Souls' day, every priest is privileged to celebrate three Masses. At the Cathedral there were Masses every half hour from 5:30 to 8:00 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will be celebrant of the Pontifical Requiem Mass at 8:00 a. m. Mass will also be celebrated at 10:00 a. m. in the Catholic cemetery mausoleum.

Bishop Confirms Nearly 4,000

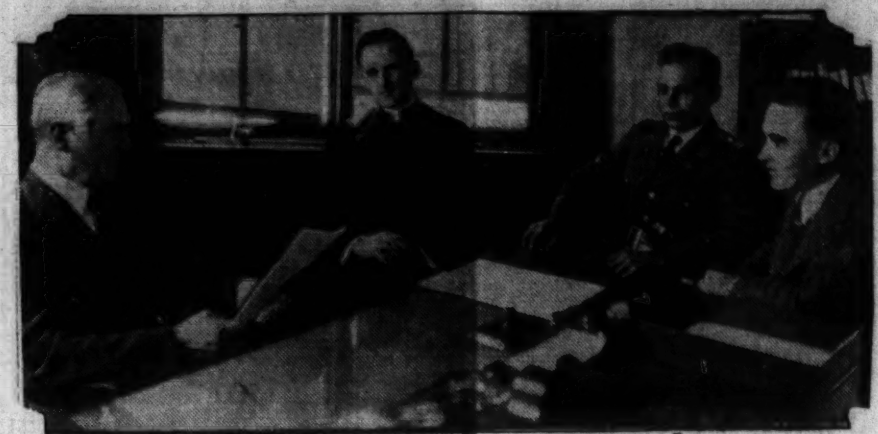
During the month of October the Rt. Rev. Bishop confirmed more than three thousand five hundred children and adults in Lake, Porter and St. Joseph counties. In several places converts to the faith constitute a large percentage of the class. In one parish they numbered fifty-two, including a former Protestant minister, his wife and children.

CONVENTION HOST



The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, who will be host to the eighth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, to be held in Cincinnati, November 18 to 21.

CONFER ON RELIEF



The Rt. Rev. Edwin Vincent Byrne, Bishop of Ponce, and Captain Mariano Vassallo, chaplain of the 65th United States Infantry and representative of the Administrator of the Diocese of San Juan, confer with American Red Cross officials at Washington on relief work for hurricane sufferers in Porto Rico. Left to right: George E. Scott of Chicago, acting administrative head of the Red Cross; Bishop Byrne, Captain Vassallo and DeWitt Smith, acting director of domestic affairs of the Red Cross.

CONSTITUTION IS JEOPARDIZED BY CAMPAIGN OF BIGOTRY FEDERAL JUDGE DECLARES

Martin J. Wade, Calling Methods Used in Present Wave of Hate "Brutal and Damnable," Pledges Self to Fight for Constitutional Guarantees.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Fred Davis of this city made public a letter which he has received from Martin J. Wade, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa and a former Member of Congress, in which Judge Wade declares his belief that the present wave of bigotry sweeping over the country is placing the Constitution in jeopardy. Judge Wade writes:

"As you know, I never have taken any part in politics during the twenty-five years I have been upon the Bench in State and Federal Courts. I never even attended a convention, nor a partisan speech through all those years. In my judgment partisan politics and judicial duties do not blend. You know that for more than ten years I have devoted every moment I could from my judicial duties to a campaign to get the Constitution taught in the schools of the nation. My slogan has been: 'Let us put the Constitution into the schools and homes and hearts of America.' I have spent thousands of dollars of my salary in this effort. I have published many books, booklets and pamphlets in the cause—all at my own expense. The load has been so heavy that it has impaired my health. My friends have criticized me—they have said I was a 'fool' to be wearing my life out in a fruitless effort. Alas, they did not know—I did not know how intensely the passion drove me on. They were trying to be kind to me. They did not understand that in my soul burned intensely the spirit which I inherited from my beloved father

and mother, both born under a foreign flag—both fleeing from the old home in early youth—both living honored lives of reverence for the flag, on American soil—both now lying side by side in eternal sleep, out in 'God's Acre' in an American country church yard.

Taught Patriotism As a Child.

"In all my speeches and writings, I have never before mentioned this element. It has been too personal—too sacred. I would not mention it now, except that I feel that we have reached a crisis. My father was an educated man—a natural philosopher. He was a devout Catholic, very pious, but very modest in his piety. I recall vividly his intense efforts to rear his children in the faith. He made it a rule to assemble us children on Sunday afternoons, to devote an hour to pious reading. I can still hear his voice as he told us, in our Vermont home, where I was born, as he sorrowfully told us of the burning of the

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Priest 69 Years, Dies at Ninety-three

Montreal.—A priest for 69 years, the Rev. Canon Joseph-Solyme Taupier, former pastor of Saint Charles-on-the-Richelieu, a few miles from Montreal, has died at the age of 93 years. Of his 69 years in the priesthood, Canon Taupier was in actual service for sixty years, having retired only nine years ago. A tragic coincidence in connection with his death was the fact that his sister, who kept house for him, died a few hours after her brother, at the age of 84.

400 Walk Out As Cleric Reads Fake K. C. Oath

Cambridge, Md.—When a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, the Rev. William Woodell, acting as chairman of a Hoover Democratic club rally here Thursday evening, attacked the Democratic candidate, the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, and invited any member of the audience of 800 persons who disagreed with him to "step outside," 400 persons instantly got up and quietly left the building.

Although somewhat disconcerted, the Rev. Woodell continued his talk. As he took the platform he said that he had been asked not to mention religion, but that he could not avoid doing so.

"I am willing to lose my charge if need be," he continued, "and go back to North Carolina where I own two plantations, but I cannot keep silent. Governor Smith is a Catholic."

Then the speaker resorted to reading the fictitious fourth degree oath of the Knights of Columbus.

"I am 6 feet, 2 inches tall," he went on, "weigh 250 pounds and am every inch the man. I am willing to back up anything I say and I will step outside with anyone."

It was at this point that half the audience which had crowded into the auditorium got up and walked out.

The Rev. Woodell is pastor of St. Thomas' church, near Bishop's Head, in lower Dorchester county, Md. He spoke following an address by Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson, president of the Democratic Women's Law Enforcement League, who confined her words to prohibition, women voters and the whispering campaign. She did not mention religion. The Rev. Woodell's talk was not scheduled.

Two Maryknollers Depart for Missions

San Francisco.—The Rev. J. P. Ryan of Worcester, Mass., and the Rev. J. W. Connors of Pittsfield, Mass., sailed from here Wednesday on the Shinyo Maru for work in the Oriental mission fields. Father Ryan will be stationed at Pingnam and Father Connors at Shing-shu.

These are the last two of forty-two Maryknoll priests, Brothers and Sisters who left America for the missions during the year. Both priests are graduates with degrees of arts and Sacred Theology from the Catholic University at Washington.

Accident to Father Barrett, Hammond

The Rev. Father Edward F. Barrett, beloved pastor of All Saints' church at Hammond for the past 33 years, is lying in St. Margaret's hospital critically injured.

He slipped off the front steps of his rectory at 254 Sibley street, while going down the stairway to get his evening newspaper, and fractured his left wrist. His forehead was also deeply lacerated when his head struck the edge of one of the stone steps. Attaches of the rectory household rushed to his assistance at the foot of the steps where he was lying, unconscious. He was quickly taken to St. Margaret's hospital in an ambulance and was treated by Dr. J. A. Chevigny.

Loss of blood and shock are given as the principal causes for his reported grave condition. His advanced age is also declared to be a handicap in the fight to save his life.

APPOINTMENTS OF DIOCESAN DIRECTOR

- Sunday, Nov. 4th, Closing Mission, New Haven.
- Sunday, Nov. 11th to 18th, Mission, Maple Grove, Wis.
- Nov. 19-20-21-22, Nurses' Retreat, Manitowoc, Wis.
- Sunday, Nov. 25th, Prop. of Faith, St. Lawrence's, Lafayette.

Nun Benefits From Civil War Claim

Baltimore.—Sister Beatrice at St. Agnes' Hospital here, who was Miss Beatrice Gallagher before entering religious life, has been awarded \$2,000 in a law suit which was started at the end of the Civil War.

Capt. Charles Gallagher, father of Sister Beatrice, filed a claim with the Federal Government after the Confederates had captured his ship and cargo. He asked \$23,987 for the vessel and \$9,876 for the cargo, but when the claim finally was allowed attorneys' fees had cut down the net sum to be divided among Sister Beatrice, her sister and brother.

FRANCE'S FRIENDLY GESTURE TOWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Budget Project for 1929 Provides Authorization for the Establishment of Missionary Congregations and for the Return of Certain Property and Funds of the Church Confiscated Under Authority of Law of Separation.

Paris.—A veritable sensation has been caused here in political and religious circles by the sudden appearance in the budget project for 1929 of a dual proposition of M. Poincare, tending to authorize the establishment of missionary congregations and to settle definitely, on the other hand, the question of Church property.

Without a doubt the measures in question are the result of certain conversations conducted between the French Government and the Papal Nuncio, no reference having been made, either in the press or in the corridors, to the intentions of M. Poincare. Thus, great was the surprise of the members of the Finance Committee of the House when called upon for the first time to examine the budget, prior to the general meeting of the assembly which will not occur until some time in November. It was unfortunately observed that the anti-religious feelings of certain politicians were aroused. Radical and Socialist representatives, members of the Committee, manifested most resolute opposition to the Government's propositions and accused it of wishing, by distorted methods, to change the Law of Separation and abrogate the law concerning congregations. Nevertheless, the Committee, by nine votes to six, gave a favorable report on the two debatable articles.

The Question of Church Property
The two articles tending to regulate these very complex situations can not be discussed in detail in this article. I can only attempt to cover the outstanding facts of the problems.

The Law of Separation, passed in 1905, stipulated that the property owned by the Church in each parish would be assigned to an association of parishioners, called association cultuelle, on condition that the association reclaim the property within a year. When this time had expired, no association cultuelle had been organized. In fact, His Holiness Pope Pius X deemed such associations, under the conditions provided by the law, con-

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BISHOP NOLL HONORED BY SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF AMERICA

Whiting, Ind.—At a convention held here by the Catholic Slovak Federation of America, Oct. 23, 24, and 25, 1928, the Rt. Rev. J. F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, was signally honored by being elected honorary president of this foremost Slovak organization in the country. The convention officially opened Wednesday morning with a solemn High Mass sung at the Immaculate Conception church of Whiting, by the Rev. F. Dubos, of Lakewood, O., assisted by the Rev. Clement Mlynarovic, of Indiana Harbor, the Rev. Charles Florek, O.S.B., of Chicago, the Rev. Krupinsky, of Cleveland and the Rev. John Kostik, of Whiting. Twenty-five additional priests were present and 80 acolytes served. The Immaculate Conception choir sang Leonard's Mass in E and Father Mlynarovic delivered an inspiring sermon in Slovak. After Mass the delegates paraded to the Slovak Dom, where the business sessions of the convention were to be held, led by the Whiting High School bands. Here the delegates were welcomed by Father Lach, who also thanked the people of Whiting and especially the High School band for their splendid cooperation in making the stay of the delegates in the city enjoyable. In behalf of the people of Whiting, Mayor Walter Schrage accepted the thanks and extended the city's greetings to the convention.

Officers Elected
Thursday the business sessions were held in the morning and afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Joseph Husek, of Middleton, Pa., peer of Slovak journalist, editor of the Jednota, official organ of the First Catholic Slovak Union, largest Slovak fraternal organization in the world, and long a leader in the fight for political autonomy of the Slovaks in the new republic of Czechoslovakia; vice-presidents, Mrs. F. C. Jakabets, of Reading, Pa., president of the Slovak Catholic Women's Union, largest Slovak women's organization; John Sabol, of Cleveland, Mrs. Antonia Virsky, of Friesland, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Slovak Women's Union, and Andrew Guffroy, of Nanticoke, Pa., treasurer, Jacob Virostek, of Pittsburgh; executive committee, Rev. J. J. Lach, of Whiting, Michael Kudlac, secretary of the Catholic Slovak Sokol, with a membership of over 40,000, and the Rev. Geo. Novak, of Akron, Ohio.

Among the resolutions passed was a vote of thanks to the following:

Missionary Taller Than Belgian King

London.—Father van der Schuren, S. J., veteran missionary who is visiting Europe after having engaged in missionary propaganda work in the United States, left here for Rome this week. In Rome he will see the Holy Father to discuss American efforts to aid the missions abroad.

Father van der Schuren, who has spent forty-two years as a missionary in India, is an imposing figure, standing 6 feet 6 inches. "I am taller than the King of the Belgians," he said proudly to the N. C. W. C. correspondent. "Once when I met His Majesty he made me stand with him before a mirror and then he admitted that I am the taller."

The missionary recounted his meeting with Babe Ruth before a crowd of 60,000 fans in New York. "Babe, I said," he recalled, "I've come here today to see you hit a home run and if you fail I shall go away a disappointed man."

"Father," replied Babe, bringing a big fist down with a bang on an open palm, "I am going to hit a homer today and I'm going to hit it in your honor."

Babe did.

THE CATHOLIC MISSIONS ALONE ARE PROGRESSING, PROTESTANTS NOTE

Yale Professor Reviews Causes of Decline of Work in Foreign Fields—Sees Benefit in Rome As Center of Authority.

New York.—In an interesting article of the autumn issue of the Yale Review, entitled "What Is Happening to Missions?" Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette states that foreign missions are passing through a highly critical period. He adds that the revolution in progress in mission development has affected Protestant missions much more deeply than the missions of the Catholic Church.

"Here is a major enterprise of the Christian churches, with fifty-two thousand missionaries—twenty-three thousand of them Roman Catholic and twenty-nine thousand Protestant—scattered in all the five continents and in most of the islands of the sea. Under their charge are about ten million Christians," writes Professor Latourette. He speaks of the general cultural influence of foreign missions on modern civilization and concludes, "Christian foreign missions are not only an undertaking of the churches; they are one of the major movements of recent times."

Mission Funds Shrink.

Professor Latourette defines the causes of the present crisis as being both from without and within the churches. There is first the marked rise of the spirit of nationalism in mission countries and with it a growing demand for purely indigenous churches. While the missionaries as a whole welcome the transfer of authority in the churches from Westerners to natives, there is a danger in its taking place too rapidly, he says. It might well be that native churches would result which would be denatured of distinctively Christian features, Professor Latourette believes.

"For Catholics, with Rome as an ever-present center of authority and with less flexible liturgies and dogmas, this particular problem is not so acute," writes Professor Latourette.

Then there is the question of mission support. While funds for Catholic missions have shown a marked increase in recent years, there has been a big drop in contributions to Protestant missions. "Several of the largest boards count their debt in six digits, are sending out almost no new missionaries, and are holding many at home after furlough," he said.

The most serious aspect of the crisis

confronting Protestant foreign missions is stated as follows by Professor Latourette:

"Agreement no longer exists as to what constitutes the missionary's message. Historical study—the 'higher criticism'—is shaking the Protestant belief in the infallibility of the Bible, and science in its multifarious forms—behavioristic psychology, among the latest—is raising questions about such fundamental beliefs as the existence and nature of God and the validity of the religious experience.

Students Particularly Affected.

"It is portentous that these questions have especially affected students. Protestant foreign missions began in America as a student enterprise and have recruited their missionaries and board executives from among students. It is significant that the number of students annually deciding to devote their lives as missionaries has fallen more than half in the last six or seven years.

"Even the missionaries who do go out are many of them being affected by the new movements. Among Protestants, an increasing proportion are educators and physicians, who have not had a theological training. They are, accordingly, often vague in their religious convictions, and frequently too immature in their philosophical and religious preparation to stand up against the keen proponents of other faiths."

Clever Play to Be Given at Lebanon

St. Joseph's Dramatic Club to Perform

On Friday evening, November 2, at 8 o'clock, St. Joseph's Dramatic Club of Lebanon, will present in the public high school auditorium a three act comedy, entitled, "Her Butler-Husband." This is the third play offered to the public by members of the club and it promises to surpass either of the former in amusing situations and character portrayal.

The Cast of Characters. Harvey P. Marshall (Mary's husband), Walter Murphy; Dr. Gerald Niles (Jerry) Edward McGinley; Limpy Lannigan (an ex-convict) Franklin

Catholic Women Lead Klan in Flower Sale For War Veterans

Dallas, Texas.—Previous to 1928, the Women of the Ku Klux Klan have regularly made the best showing in the annual Dallas flower sale for the benefit of disabled veterans of the World War. This year, however, although the number of Catholics in this southern city is relatively small, two Catholic organizations, the Catholic Women's League and the Catholic Daughters of America, led the list both in point of number of workers and in amount of sales. Moreover, the Klan women appear this year at the foot of the list.

The poor showing made by the Women of the Ku Klux Klan is attributed to a tremendous falling off in membership during the last year and to a consequent diminution in activities on the part of the organization. The results of the sale were announced by Charles Romick of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

Catholic women in the parishes of Dallas and vicinity were organized under the leadership of Mrs. M. W. Florer, assisted by team captains. Among the organizations participating were the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ladies of the Eastern Star, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Southern Methodist Women, Ursuline Academy, Council of Jewish Women, college groups and the Federated Women's Clubs.

Burton; Officer Shea (an affable cop) John King; Mary Marshall (an incurable romanticist) Esther Honan; Sylvia Allen (a neighbor) Helena King; Miss Emily Paisley (Aunt Emmy) Hazel Shahan; Florence Ainslee (an adopted cousin) Cecilia King; Stella (the maid) Gertrude Thrine. Music will be furnished by a local orchestra. Admission 35 cents for adults; children 15 cents.

St. Dominic, founder of the celebrated order of Dominicans, was born in 1170 at Calaruega, a small town in the diocese of Osma, in Old Castile.

CHAPLAIN'S DIARY REVEALS HOW PIETY OF NOBLE'S PARTY CONVERTED THE JEWISH SAVANT

Amid Hardships of Arctic Exploration Father Gianfranceschi Is Told by Professor Pontremoli of His Intention to Become a Catholic—Hope for the Missing Members of the Crew Is Voiced.

(This is the fifth and last of a series of articles describing hitherto unknown religious phases of the Noble Expedition to the North Pole, written from the personal diary of Father Joseph Gianfranceschi, noted scientist and Chaplain of the Expedition, and supplemented by interviews with him. In preceding articles there have been described the blessing of the Italia, the actual religious ceremony accompanying the dropping of the Cross at the Pole, remarkable results obtained from a triduum to the Little Flower, a striking confession of faith by General Noble, and how two men devoutly prepared for death.)

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci

Rome.—I have just described the beautiful and edifying pages that I read in the diary of the Chaplain of the Polar Expedition. The other particulars I added were told me by Father Gianfranceschi, always with the same sense of deep Christian feeling.

Even Professor Pontremoli of the Polytechnic of Milan, a scientist of great fame, a Jew by birth, told him of his sympathy for the Catholic religion and of his intention to become a Catholic.

"Do you know, Father," he told the Chaplain, "the only books I have brought with me are the Gospel and the Imitation of Christ?"

Professor Pontremoli during the disaster was with the envelop of the dirigible, and his fate is still wrapped in mystery.

Commander Viggiari, who after the departure of Noble, took command of the survivors in the tent on the ice pack, in saying farewell to Father

Gianfranceschi on their return to Italy, said to him:

"Father, we have all returned with an increase of faith and piety." Words which may well be, thanks to God, the end of the Expedition from the spiritual point of view.

Believes Others Will Be Saved

I asked Father Gianfranceschi his opinion in regard to the fate of the other members of the Expedition, who remained with the envelop of the dirigible, and of Amundsen and Guilbard. He told me that he did not despair of their being still alive, and that one day or another he might hear the glad news of their rescue. But more than on physical grounds, he founded his conviction on what has gone before, whereby the other lost members of the Expedition has been brought to safety.

"After having seen that which Providence had done to rescue those who have returned," concluded the Chaplain, "I do not despair that the protection of God also may rest on all

the others until their return amongst us."

Besides the beautiful pages of spiritual matters which I have copied, Father Gianfranceschi's diary contains many other succinctly narrated notes on the vicissitudes of the Polar Expedition and also scientific and local observations. Besides this diary, Father Gianfranceschi has other notebooks in which he collected the results and technical elements of the researches of a purely scientific nature.

In fact he was charged to make certain observations together with Professor Behounek and Professor Pontremoli; but the disappearance of the latter with the envelop of the dirigible has not permitted this being done. Father Gianfranceschi, as is known, is a scientist of high ability and great renown in the field of the learned. He has been for many years President of the Pontifical Academy of Science, which, through the favor and impetus lent it by the Pope, has gained a high prestige among the academies of the whole world. He has very often represented it at great international scientific congresses, such as the mathematical congress held at Toronto four years ago.

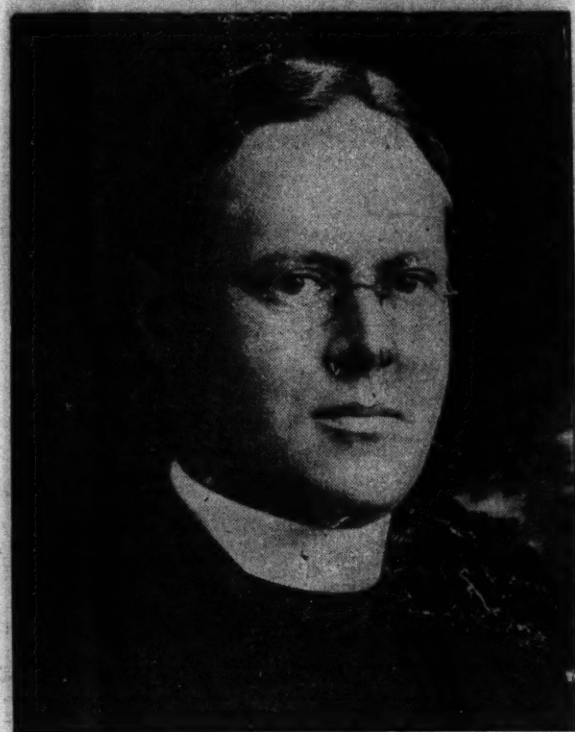
Describes Mirage in Northland. Therefore, without entering into the reading of the strictly scientific notes of Father Gianfranceschi, I shall choose from his diary two other pages of natural and local observations, which seem to me of a certain interest. Father Gianfranceschi writes on the 22nd of July:

"We are having a beautiful phenomenon of a mirage on the land and edge of the ice where it meets in the Southwest. A ship is on the horizon, and it is seen multiplied in vertical lines in such a way that the black vertical sections are lengthened for 15 or 20 heights. On the far-off mountains of the coast northwest of Spitzbergen, a central zone seems to be so prolonged that the outlines give the impression of an enormous city of skyscrapers."

On the 25th of June, he speaks thus of an excursion to the place where are still to be seen the records and traces of the ill-fated Andre Expedition:

"After midday we made a little excursion in a boat along the coast of Island of the Danes to visit the remains of the Andre Expedition. We found the traces of his hangar, the hut, the system of producing gas, with various cases of small broken iron, and a great quantity of aniline, but I don't know for what purpose it could have been intended. All these things have been here 31 years. There are also three cairns of stones, and on each is a Cross of wood without any name or mark. In the snow many traces of bones are seen."

With this I have finished turning over the pages which Father Gianfranceschi wrote, for three months and more, amid the ice of the Polar



REV. EDWARD F. GARESCHE, S. J.

Courtesy Journal-Gazette.

EMINENT PRIEST GIVES LECTURE IN FORT WAYNE

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said, "and undertake such work as their members are capable of performing. Promote sociability and friendliness among the young people. Welcome the stranger. Seek out those who are new in the parish. If eligible to membership in the sodality have them enrolled. Have a membership committee and a welcoming committee. To facilitate matters, district your parish. In your own parish see if there are not some children that need help. The children and the young people are the treasures of the Church."

Interested in Youth.

Father Garesche alluded to a private audience he had with Pope Benedict XV and emphasized the special interest the Pontiff manifested in youth. He referred to the young people "the church of the future." He inquired not only about the reception of holy Communion by the sodalists,

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Bishop Robbed of His Cross and Crozier

Cleveland.—A large suitcase containing a diamond and emerald studded cross valued at two thousand dollars, episcopal vestments and a crozier was stolen from Bishop Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland recently. The following day, some of the goods was recovered, but not the cross and crozier. Bishop Schrembs had used the various religious articles when he officiated at the consecration of St. Colman's church. Returning in the evening, he parked his car in the Cathedral yard. It was while it stood there that the thief carried away the suitcase.

but even their attendance at meetings, indicating that he was considering all details.

The need of more Catholic literature in the home was emphasized and sodalists encouraged to promote book sales. "This is an age of explanation," he said, "be ready to give to inquirers a true account of your faith." In reference to the Sodality Union, the lecturer explained its work in Washington and Baltimore where it functions with great success.

At the close of the lecture, Father Garesche, empowered by the Holy Father, imparted the Apostolic blessing granted for sodality gatherings of this kind. A hymn in honor of the Blessed Virgin was sung by the assembly.

Sodality posters submitted by Fort Wayne schools were exhibited in the Center auditorium, the night of the lecture, and were greatly admired. Besides the list of prize winners previously announced, Beatrice Benanti, aged 10, sixth grade pupil at St. Paul's school, was one of the third prize winners and received a cash award.

HEROES' GRAVES



Father Joseph Gianfranceschi, S. J., chaplain, and other members of the Noble polar expedition, photographed while on a visit to the graves where are buried the remains of members of the Andre expedition. This incident is touched upon in the fifth and last article in the series prepared from Father Gianfranceschi's diary on the ill-fated polar expedition.

Circle with a hand now exulting, trembling, with a soul now filled with gratitude to God, now supplicating Him in great anguish.

We also must recognize the beneficent hand of Providence in the vicissitudes which took place, as it was recognized by those who were rescued after the long agony of being lost in the terrible desert of polar ice. Also we must admire the courage and the virtues of the heroes who, in the severest trials, never lost the sublime possession of faith and Christian hope. We also must, as does the Pope, consider the object of this very courageous Expedition of General Noble fully attained when it succeeded in bringing—as the Sovereign Pontiff had asked—the Cross to the Pole to consecrate, from the extreme vertex of the earth, the whole world to the glorious Kingdom of Christ.

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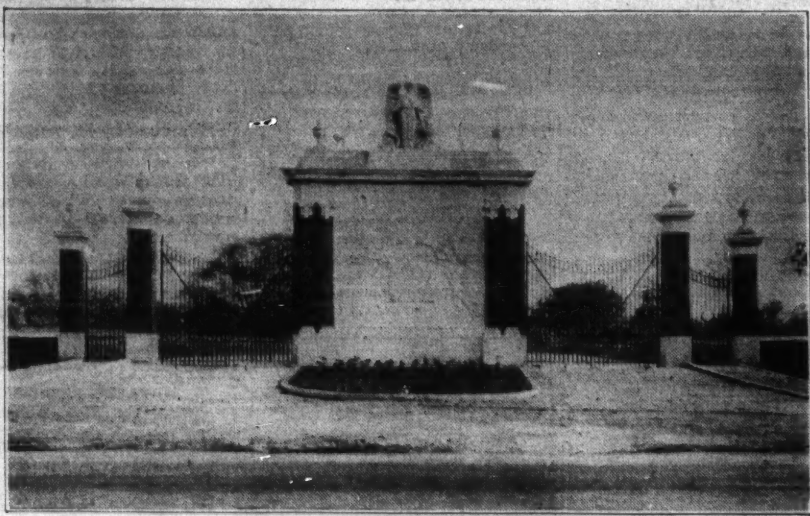
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